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[On the Other Side of Death]

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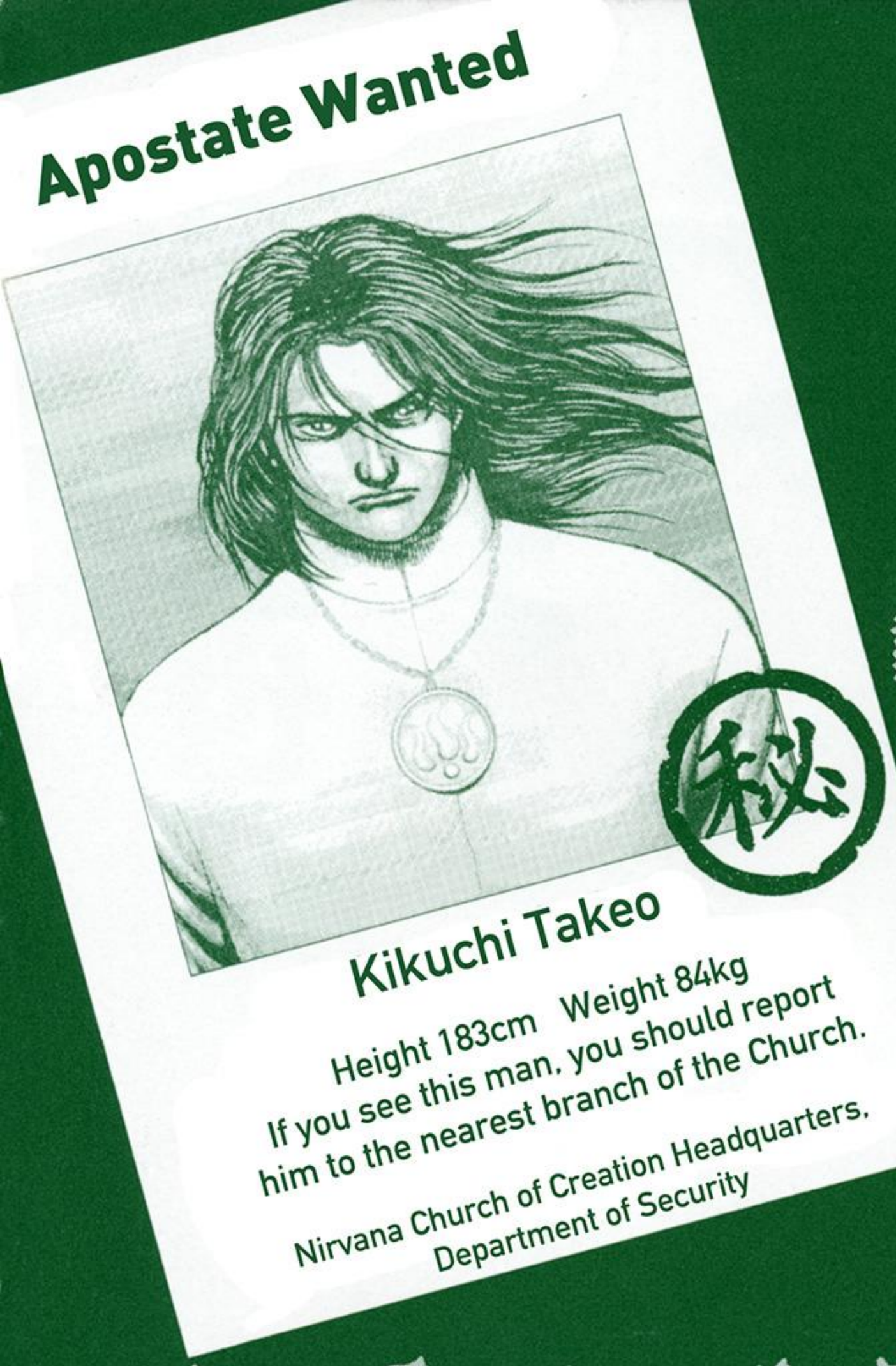
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THERE HAS BEEN A MURDER IN UENO, SUGINAMI WARD. THE VICTIM WAS MR. KURIBAYASHI DAIJIRO, AGE 52.

# Chapter 08 Solicitation

I DID SEE THE CULPRIT'S FACE...

KURIBAYASHI WAS A PHYSICS TEACHER AT EIDAN GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL, AND A DEVOUT MEMBER OF THE RELIGIOUS ORDER KNOWN AS THE NIRVANA CHURCH OF CREATION.

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# Chapter 08 Solicitation

So it is Takeo...

I ONLY SAW HIM FOR A SECOND...

BUT THIS LOOKS A LOT LIKE HIM.

Takeo used to be such a crybaby...

And now he's declared vengeance on the Church...

HAVE YOU COME TO KILL ME...

sfx: Lift

sfx: Woof Woof

sfx: Woof Woof

KIKUCHI TAKEO?

The next target is a man who Takeo knows personally.

Perhaps due to his high social standing as a doctor, his success rate in solicitation is considered top-notch throughout the Church...

Sayama Masakazu. He's a pediatrician in private practice, and he serves as the Church's district director for West Tokyo.

and he's converted well over 2,000 people.

He's the very man that dragged Kiku's mother to hell.

SO I ENCOURAGED HIM TO CONVERT TO THE NIRVANA CHURCH OF CREATION.

KIKUCHI TAKEO HERE USED TO SUFFER FROM HIGH FEVERS OF UNKNOWN ETIOLOGY EVER SINCE HE WAS A BABY. AS A DOCTOR, THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO TO TREAT HIM.

MEDICINE HAS ITS LIMITS, AND DOCTORS CAN'T PERFORM MIRACLES.

AS A DOCTOR, I HAVE WITNESSED DEATH MANY TIMES.

West Tokyo Seminar

TAKEO IS SEVEN YEARS OLD NOW, AND COMPLETELY HEALTHY. HE MAY HAVE BEEN CHOSEN BY GOD.

SUCH MIRACLES CAN ONLY BE GIVEN TO THOSE CHOSEN BY GOD.

NOT ONLY CAN PIETY, DEVOTION, AND FAITH PURIFY THE SPIRIT, BUT VERY RARELY, THEY CAN COMPLETELY CURE TERMINAL DISEASES.

BUT PATIENTS WITH TERMINAL CONDITIONS TURN TO RELIGION, NOT DOCTORS, FOR SALVATION.

IT MAY SEEM STRANGE THAT A DOCTOR WOULD SOLICIT PEOPLE TO JOIN A RELIGION...

Not God...

But a wolf.

SFX: Step Step

SFX: Growl

When a wolf meets a dog, it doesn't need to bare its fangs. Just by meeting eye to eye, the dog is frightened and hides with its tail between its legs.

LONG TIME NO SEE, TAKEO. LOOK HOW YOU'VE GROWN...

THEY LOOK SO SAD...

BUT YOUR EYES STILL HAVEN'T CHANGED.

SFX: Step

SFX: Step Step

The man before you is an evil man who leads people to Hell...

And all they see is darkness.

YOU HAVE TO KILL HIM, KIKU!

SFX: Rustle

SFX: Snikt

SFX: Clang Clang Clang Clang

PURGE THE APOSTATE* WITH BLOOD!

*Nonbeliever, or someone who turns their back on teachings.

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THE SECURITY DEPARTMENT HAS ORDERED ME TO GUARD THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR.

SFX: Stomp

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SFX: Slide Slide

SUGAYA KIN WAS MY GRANDMA.

MY NAME'S SUGAYA ISOKICHI.

SFX: Slice

SAYAMA!

I'LL LEAVE HIM IN YOUR HANDS, ISOKICHI.

ALRIGHT, PETH, LET'S GO HOME.

SHAAA!

SFX: Clang Clang Clang

THIS IS FOR MY GRANDMOTHER!

SFX: Clang Clang Clang

ALL OF MY RELATIVES ARE CANIS ASSASSINS! NOW DIE!

SFX: Swoooosh

SFX: Wrap

COUGH!

SFX: Crunch

MY HUSBAND'S STILL OUT WALKING THE DOG.

CALL THE PRECINCT!

I'M GOING TO THE RIVER!

OH, IT'S YOU, PETH... WHERE'S MASAKAZU?

He used to be weak and illness-prone,

and as timid as a rabbit.

SFX: Step

But that's all changed...

Takeo's become an assassin.

Sayama
Masakazu

# Chapter 09 Reunion

He was always hiding in my shadow.

Takeo was a wimp who couldn't do anything without me.

He would cry more often than he smiled...

But now...

Takeo's become an assassin.

# Chapter 09 Reunion

I... I WILL BE TAKEN TO HEAVEN...

K... KILLING ME WILL CH... CHANGE NOTHING...

A... AND YOU'LL GO TO HELL.

SFX: Grind Grind

SFX: Grind Grind

YOU WERE THE ONE WHO LED ME THERE.

I'M ALREADY IN HELL.

HELL IS NOT IN THE AFTERLIFE, BUT IN THIS WORLD.

I KNOW THAT

AH!

URK!

THAT THERE IS NO GREATER HELL THAN THE PRESENT!

SFX: Grind Grind

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SFX: Tug

TAKEO, NO!

SFX: Thud

SFX: Step Step

IT'S BEEN FIFTEEN YEARS, TAKEO.

SFX: Step Step

SFX: Smile

Kan...

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?

SFX: Step

"DON'T CRY, YOU DUMMY."

"YOU HAVE TO BE STRONG, OKAY?"

"I WON'T BE ABLE TO HELP YOU ANYMORE..."

KAN... I...

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING!?

SFX: Ka-Pow

YOU'VE BECOME A MURDERER!

SFX: Punch

SFX: Punch Punch Thud

A PIECE OF SHIT WHO CAN'T TELL GOOD FROM EVIL!

AH!

DID YOU KILL SUGAYA KIN!?

SFX: Thud Thud Thud

SFX: Thud Thud

DID YOU KILL KURIBAYASHI DAIJIRO!?

HOW MANY HAVE YOU KILLED IN THE LAST FIFTEEN YEARS, YOU SCUMBAG...?

PLEASE STOP, KAN!

SFX: Swoooosh

SFX: Smack

SFX: Rumble Rumble

SFX: Freeze

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?

SFX: Drizzle

KAN.
I...

WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED TO YOU THESE LAST FIFTEEN YEARS!?

I'M A COP!

NO, IT'S TOO LATE NOW! I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANY EXCUSES FROM A CRIMINAL!

SFX: Thud Thud Thud

SFX: Punch

IT'S MY JOB TO ARREST CRIMINALS, NO MATTER HOW CLOSE THEY ARE TO ME!

DON'T MOVE.

ARE YOU TAKEO'S ACCOMPLICE?

WHO ARE YOU...?

I KNEW THAT KIKU HAD A BROTHER, BUT I HAD NO IDEA HE WAS A COP.

...SO THAT MEANS YOU MUST'VE SHOT BEFORE.

STAND STILL!

THIS IS NOT A THREAT! TAKE A SINGLE STEP AND I'LL SHOOT!

HUH!?

THEN I'LL ARREST YOU, TOO!

I WON'T EVEN SHOW MERCY ON WOMEN OR CHILDREN!

SFX: Crash

SFX: Twist

I'LL IDENTIFY YOU LATER.

SFX: Click

THERE WAS A TIME I COULD LET OUT MY PAIN IN TEARS...

BUT I CAN'T EVEN SHED A TEAR ANYMORE.

Shin

WHERE I WASN'T ALLOWED TO CRY OR SCREAM.

I'VE LIVED IN A HELL...

# Chapter 10
# On the Other Side of Death

YOU PISS ME OFF.

THEY ONLY START REPENTING WHEN THEY'VE BEEN CONVICTED!

I'M TIRED OF HEARING CRIMINALS VINDICATE THEMSELVES! THEY ALWAYS BLAME EVERYTHING ON THEIR FAMILY ENVIRONMENT OR SOCIETY!

THAT'S WHEN THEY SEEM TO SHOW TEARS OF REMORSE, BUT THEY DON'T LAST LONG!

# Chapter 10
# On the Other Side of Death

SFX: Swooooosh

BECAUSE SOONER OR LATER THE SMILES COME BACK TO THEIR FACES, AND THEY'RE BACK TO COMMITTING MORE CRIMES!

SFX: Punch

SFX: Glare

SFX: Drizzle

N... NOT BAD. I'VE NEVER TAKEN A PUNCH SO HARD AND FAST BEFORE.

WHAT!?

I PULLED MY PUNCH.

I've seen countless criminals in my career, but none of them had eyes like Takeo.

What's with his eyes?

They're deep and sorrowful, yet somehow pure...

Selfless eyes.

What kind of Hell has he been living in?

SFX: Weeeooo Weeeooo Weeeooo

WHAT!?

MOM TRIED TO KILL ME.

SFX: Fooooooom!

SHE STRANGLED ME AND SET THE HOUSE ON FIRE.

BUT I DIDN'T DIE.

Is that wolf-shaped red keloid proof of that!?

WHERE I WAS TREATED AS LESS THAN HUMAN.

I WAS THEN TAKEN IN BY THE CHURCH'S SPECIAL ORPHANAGE...

HUH...

THE CHURCH BRAINWASHED ME IN THAT ORPHANAGE.

SFX: Pin

SFX: Ziiiip

THEY TRAINED ME TO BECOME A KILLER.

GET HIM!

WHEN I LEFT THE ORPHANAGE, I WAS RECRUITED BY CANIS TO ELIMINATE THE ENEMIES OF THE CHURCH.

SFX: Swish

ABUH!

SFX: Swoooosh

SFX: Slide

SFX: Rip

BUH!

THEY TAUGHT ME TO RESPECT THE LAWS OF THE CHURCH OVER THE LAWS OF SOCIETY...

AGAH!

AGAH!

AND TO SACRIFICE MY LIFE FOR THEIR SAKE IF NEED BE.

SNAP

SFX: Swirl Swirl

HE'S MY BROTHER.

STEP BACK.

THAT'S ENOUGH, TAKEO.

I CAN'T EVEN ATONE WITH MY DEATH.

I CAN'T ATONE FOR MY SINS BY SUBMITTING TO THE LAW.

THAT'S HOW MANY LIVES I'VE TAKEN.

IS TO CRUSH THE CHURCH THAT SOWS THE SEEDS OF DISASTER!

THE ONLY WAY I CAN ATONE FOR MY SINS...

Takeo is so tormented with guilt and self-accusation,

that he thinks of "death".

ENOUGH.

THAT WOULD BE MY JOB.

I PROMISE YOU THAT I WILL EXPOSE KANEHIRA'S CRIMES AND CRUSH THE CHURCH.

I AM PERSONALLY INVESTIGATING THE NIRVANA CHURCH OF CREATION.

DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF THE STATE.

JUST TRUST ME, LIKE YOU USED TO.

SFX: Grab

WHAT!?

WHAT'S HE DOING!?

Kanehira
Aiichiro

IS TO CRUSH THE CHURCH THAT SOWS THE SEEDS OF DISASTER!

THE ONLY WAY I CAN ATONE FOR MY SINS...

# Chapter 11 The Odds

I PROMISE YOU THAT I WILL EXPOSE KANEHIRA'S CRIMES AND CRUSH THE CHURCH.

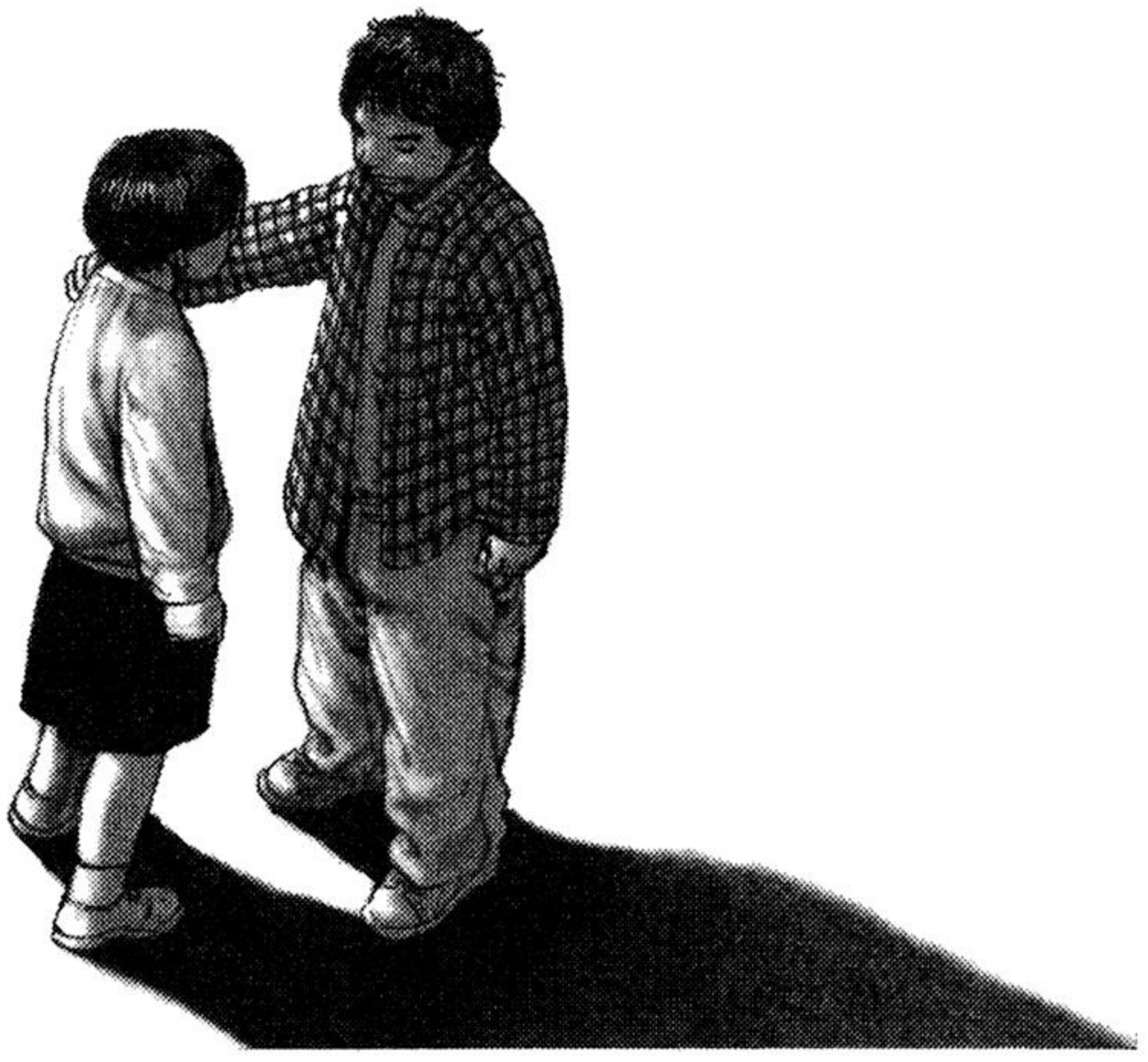
THAT WOULD BE MY JOB.

YOU DON'T NEED TO COMMIT ANY MORE CRIMES.

TAKEO, YOU DON'T NEED TO SHED ANY MORE BLOOD.

Kan...

JUST TRUST ME, LIKE YOU DID FIFTEEN YEARS AGO.



LET THE COPS HANDLE THE REST.
YOUR JOB IS OVER.

It's over...

SFX: Swoooosh

WHAT!?

W... WHAT'S HE DOING!?

SFX: Tunk

TAKEO!

THANK YOU, KAN.

And with his task complete, all that's left is...

Shit!! Takeo's only been living to destroy the Church!

"death"!

Kiku doesn't believe in God.

THIS IS THE ONLY WAY.

But God believes in him.

TAKEO! NOOOOOOO!

SFX: Pull

SFX: Clunk!

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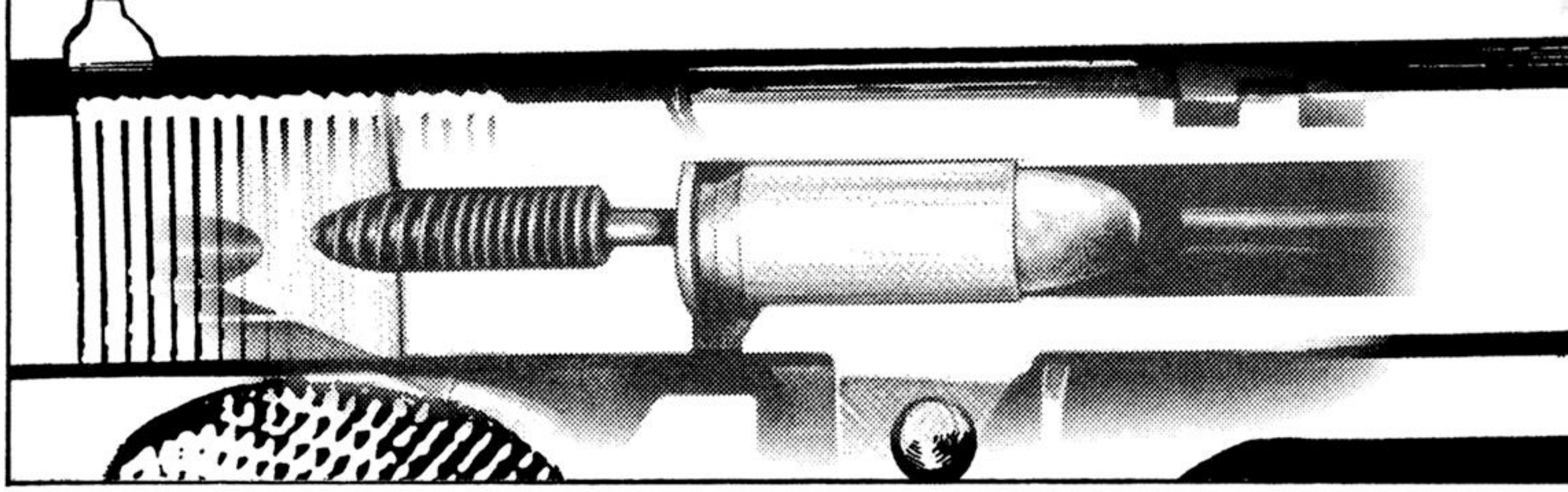
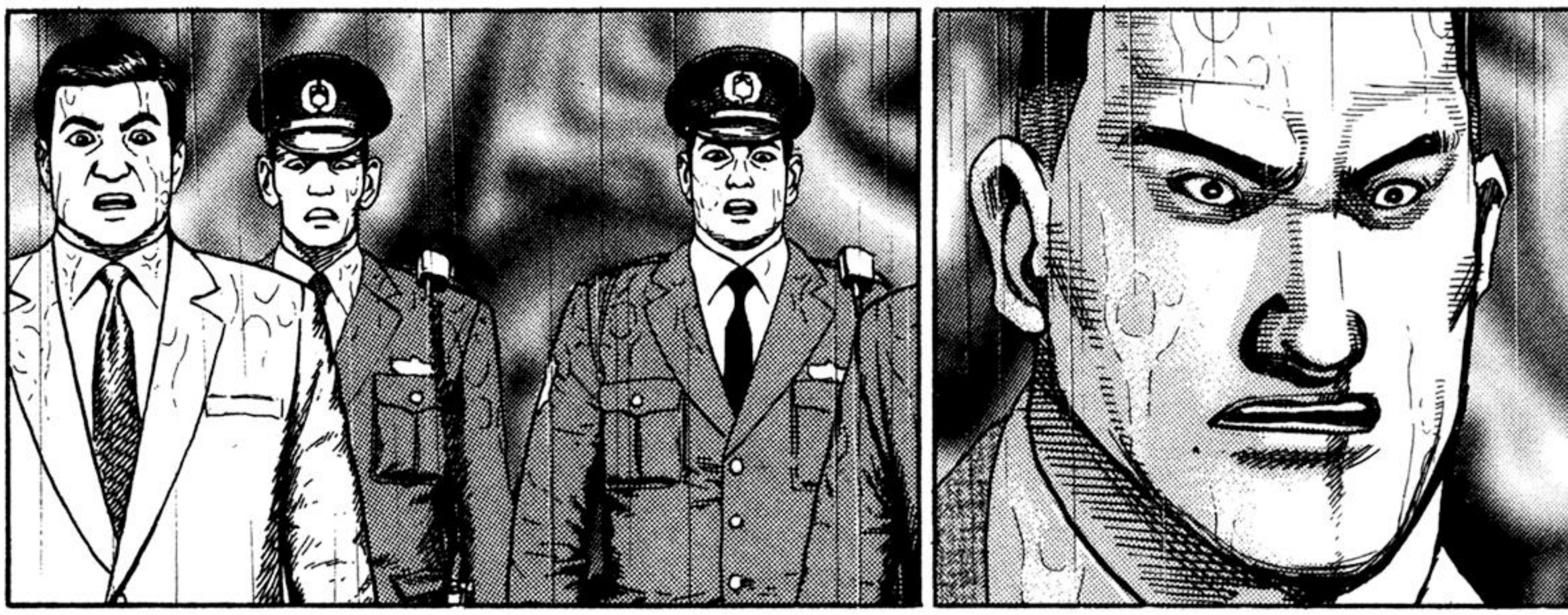
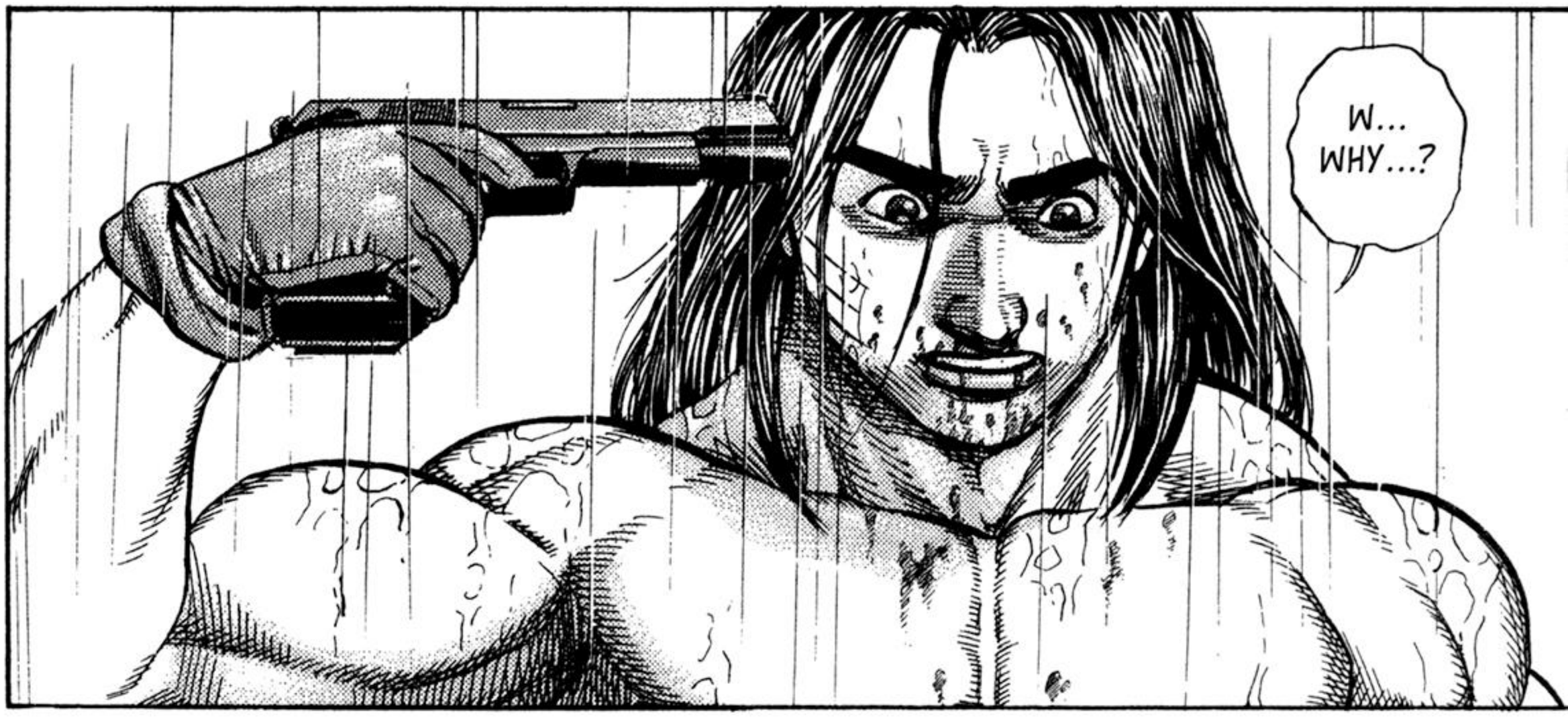
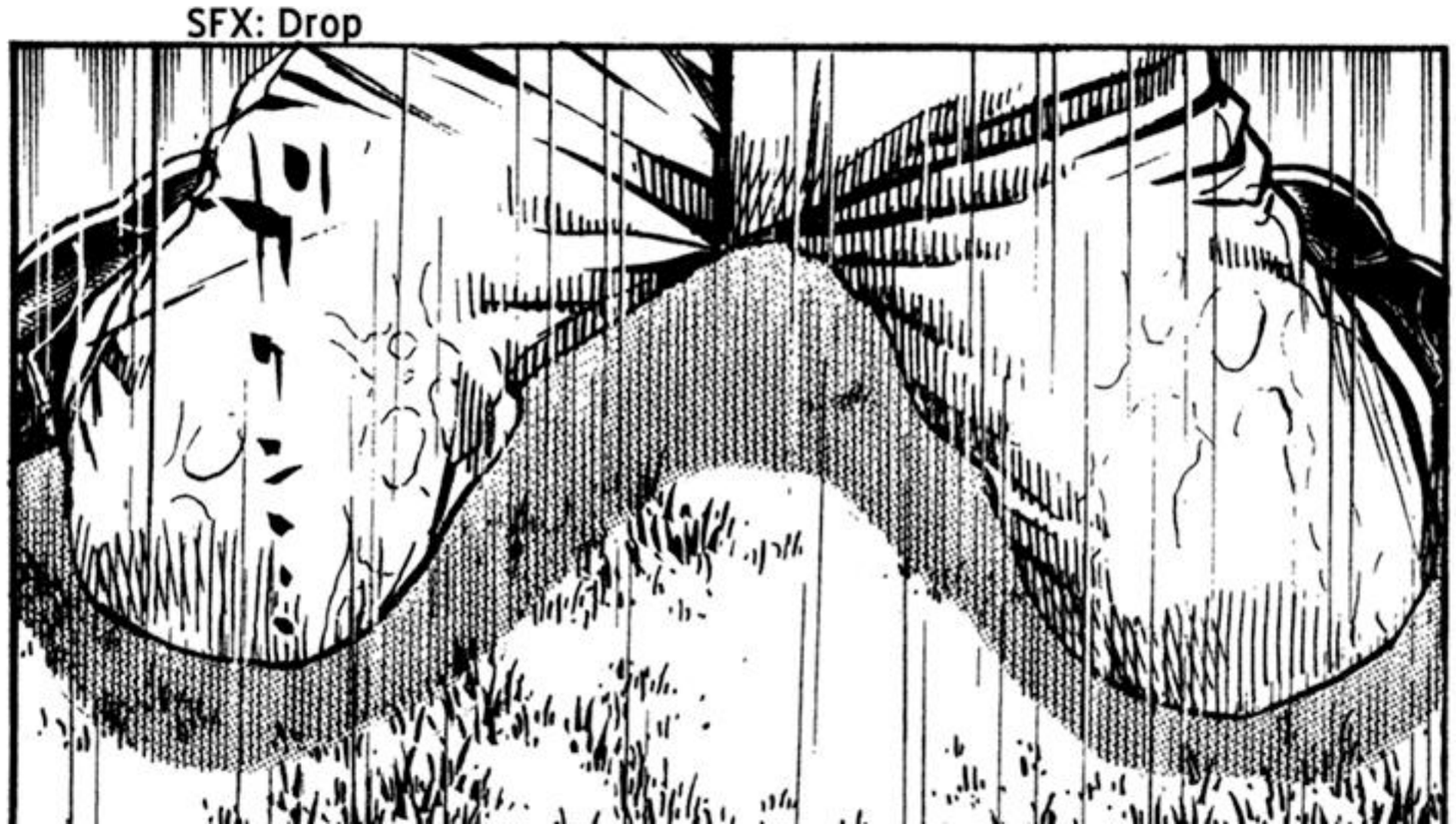
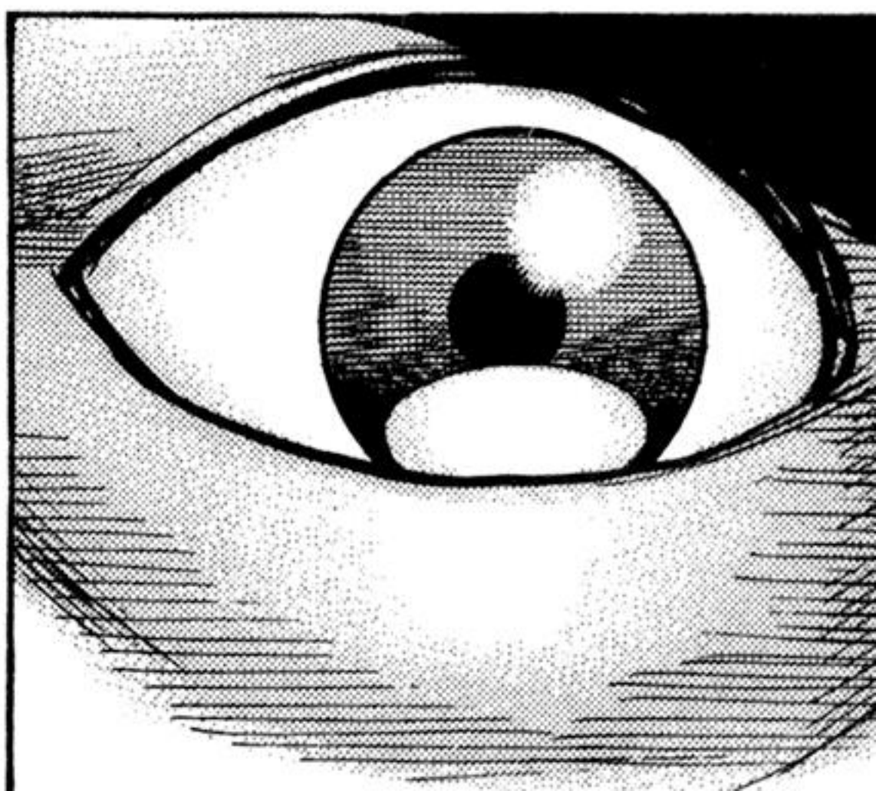







SFX: Drop





He's keeping him alive.

God loves Kiku.

WHY...?

YOU GODDAMN IDIOT! I CAN'T EVEN ARREST KANEHIRA WITHOUT YOU ALIVE TO TESTIFY!

GRAB

パーン

SFX: Pap!

SFX: Fssshhh

SO IT WAS A "HANGFIRE"...

シュウウ...

I'VE HEARD THAT VERY RARELY, THE GUN FIRES A DELAYED SHOT WHEN THE BULLET'S PRIMER OR GUNPOWDER GETS MOIST...

It's not a coincidence. It's inevitable.

WE NEED YOU. YOU HAVE TO LIVE.

I NEED YOUR HELP TO GET AN INDICTMENT.

SFX: Click

Takeo can't die.

Branch of the Nirvana Church of Creation...

SFX: Fwoooosh

Running

Temperature Setting

Wind Strength

Air Conditioning

°C

Strong

TEN KILOGRAMS OF APPLES AND TEN KILOGRAMS OF FRIED CHICKEN... I SEE YOUR APPETITE'S AS INSATIABLE AS EVER.

OH, BUT I'VE ACTUALLY LOST MY APPETITE BECAUSE OF THE HEAT.

GEHEHEHE... I KNEW YOU'D COME, AI.

SFX: Munch Munch

SFX: Munch Munch

SFX: Munch Munch Munch

GIVEN YOUR 90% PROPHETIC ACCURACY, I SUPPOSE I SHOULD'VE EXPECTED THAT FROM YOU, KAZU.

SFX: Munch Munch Munch

YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT KIKUCHI TAKEO, AREN'T YOU?

THAT KIKICHI TAKEO WOULD LEAD ME TO MY DESTRUCTION...

I RECALL THAT YOU ONCE PROPHESIED

AND HIS CALLING.

THAT IS YOUR FATE,

SFX: Ffffft

WOULD YOU SAY THAT HE CAN PERFORM MIRACLES?

WELL HE DID SURVIVE THE CRUEL AND HELLISH SPECIAL ORPHANAGE.

IS THAT NOT A "MIRACLE" IN AND OF ITSELF?

SFX: Burp

I HAD A DREAM...

IN WHICH THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE PRAYED AND PROSTRATED THEMSELVES WITH TEARS OF JOY BEFORE "THE ONE WITH THE WOLF ON HIS BACK"...

KIKUCHI TAKEO WAS JUST ARRESTED.

HEHEHE... YOU'RE SAYING THAT A SUBHUMAN LIKE HIM WILL BECOME "GOD"?

WHY DOES THAT MAKE YOU LAUGH, AIICHIRO?

THAT MEANS I DON'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH HIM PERSONALLY. HE CAN'T AVOID THE "DEATH SENTENCE".

ONCE AN INSECT, ALWAYS AN INSECT.

SFX: Bzzzzz

Kazu

SFX: Burp

YOU'RE SAYING THAT A SUBHUMAN LIKE HIM WILL BECOME "GOD"?

# Chapter 12 The Bad Guys

HE CAN'T AVOID THE DEATH SENTENCE.

KIKUCHI TAKEO WAS JUST ARRESTED.

SFX: Burp!

# Chapter 12 The Bad Guys

中央警察署

Sign: Chuo Police Department

YOU'RE TAKING ME OFF THE CASE?

BUT IMAGINE THE PANDEMONIUM THAT WOULD BREAK OUT IF THE MEDIA FOUND OUT THAT THIS MASS MURDERER WAS AN ACTIVE POLICEMAN'S BROTHER.

YOU MAY HAVE BEEN LIVING SEPARATELY SINCE YOUR PARENTS' DIVORCE...

THEY ESPECIALLY WOULDN'T STAND FOR THAT BROTHER INVESTIGATING HIM.

A WELL-KNOWN INVESTIGATOR FROM THE PREFECTURAL POLICE...

AND HIS SUBORDINATE WILL ASSIST HIM.

BUT AT ANY RATE, THIS IS THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S PROBLEM, NOT YOUR PERSONAL PROBLEM.

SO WHO ARE YOU PUTTING ON THE CASE?

I'M HAYASHIBE, AN INVESTIGATOR FROM THE HOMICIDE DIVISION.

9:30 AM, NOVEMBER 15TH. I WILL NOW BEGIN THE INTERROGATION.

WERE YOU TRAINED TO MURDER PEOPLE?

YOU'VE GOT A WELL-BUILT BODY THERE.

YES.

NICE TO MEET YOU.

WERE YOU INVOLVED IN THE MURDER OF KURIBAYASHI DAIJIRO, A MEMBER OF THE NIRVANA CHURCH OF CREATION?

YES.

YES.

DID YOU ALSO MURDER SUGAYA ISOKICHI?

!

I'VE TAKEN FAR MORE LIVES THAN THAT.

I DESERVE THE DEATH SENTENCE.

BUT HE'S REVEALING SOME TERRIBLE THINGS...

HE'S COOPERATING WITH THE INTERROGATION.

SO WHAT ABOUT TAKEO?

He confessed to over thirty murders as an assassin of the Nirvana Church of Creation.

Of course, these were under the orders of Aiichiro Kanehira.

NOT EVEN THE CULT THAT MADE THE NEWS A FEW YEARS AGO PRODUCED THIRTY CASUALTIES IN THEIR POISONED GAS ATTACK.

EVEN AFTER BEING FREED FROM HIS BRAINWASHING AND LEAVING THE CHURCH, HE STARTED MURDERING CHURCH OFFICIALS ONE AFTER ANOTHER.

I HAVEN'T DONE DUE DILIGENCE, BUT IF HIS CONFESSIONS ARE TRUE, JAPAN WILL BE IN AN UPROAR.

FRANKLY SPEAKING, YOUR BROTHER IS A LUNATIC.

YET KIKUCHI TAKEO HAS MURDERED AT LEAST THIRTY PEOPLE ALONE.

THE MEDIA'S GOING TO HAVE A FIELD DAY WITH THE HEADLINES.

"THE MOST VICIOUS FELON IN THE HISTORY OF CRIME!"

EITHER WAY, CONSIDER YOURSELF SUSPENDED UNTIL WE'VE FOUND THE FACTS.

IF KIKUCHI TAKEO WILL BE SENTENCED TO DEATH, THEN YOU WILL BE SENTENCED TO DEATH AS WELL.

IF KIKUCHI TAKEO CONFESSES, ALL THE CHURCH'S CRIMES WILL BE BROUGHT TO LIGHT.

THEN NOT ONLY WILL THE CHURCH COLLAPSE, BUT YOU'LL FACE THE DEATH SENTENCE.

HMPH!

IF THEY NEVER FIND THE BODY, THE MURDER NEVER HAPPENED.

IF NO EVIDENCE IS FOUND, THE CRIME NEVER HAPPENED.

SFX: Ffffft!

THAT'S MORE THAN ENOUGH TO WARRANT THE "DEATH SENTENCE".

HE'S KILLED PLENTY OF CHURCH EXECUTIVES AFTER HE FLED.

ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS DENY THAT HE WAS PART OF THE CHURCH IN THE FIRST PLACE.

KIKUCHI TAKEO WILL NOT DIE.

BUT HE IS LOVED BY GOD.

HE MAY DENY "GOD"...

He is under God's protection.

HEHEHEHE... YOUR BLASPHEMY WILL COST YOU DEARLY...

I SWEAR THAT I'LL KILL KIKUCHI TAKEO.

HOW AMUSING. IF SO, THEN I'LL CHALLENGE THIS GOD.

I'VE BEEN COMMITTING BLASPHEMY EVER SINCE I FOUNDED THE CHURCH.

THERE HAVE BEEN MORE PEOPLE WHO DIED CURSING ME THAN THERE ARE STARS IN THE SKY.

Sign: Steadfastness

FOR EXAMPLE, A "MURDERER" WHO TAKES ANOTHER'S LIFE WILL DO A FEW YEARS IN PRISON FOR A MURDER SENTENCE.

FROM A PROFIT AND LOSS PERSPECTIVE, THIS WORLD IS DESIGNED TO BENEFIT CRIMINALS.

AND EVEN IF HE KILLS THOUSANDS... OR EVEN MILLIONS OF PEOPLE, ONLY ONE PERSON RECEIVES THE "DEATH SENTENCE".

BUT OF COURSE, ALL THESE FOLLOWERS ARE NOTHING BUT SHAMELESS MASSES WHO ARE DRAWN BY PROMISES OF BLESSING IN THIS LIFE.

I LAUGH BECAUSE I HAVE FOLLOWERS WHO WORSHIP AND PRAISE AN "EVIL" MATERIALIST SUCH AS MYSELF.

THEY'RE STUPID AND GREEDY PEOPLE WHO RELY ON A HIGHER POWER TO BRING THEM HAPPINESS AFTER DEATH.

MY FATHER WAS A YAKUZA AND MY MOTHER WAS A PROSTITUTE.

BOTH WERE DRUG ADDICTS AND ALCOHOLICS, AND THAT MADE A RECIPE FOR A HORRIBLE CHILDHOOD.

THEY WERE OUT OF CONTROL ANIMALS WHO HAD SEX ANYWHERE THEY WANTED, EVEN IN FRONT OF THEIR SON.

I DIDN'T WANT TO GET ANY SORT OF SPECIAL TREATMENT.

I JUST WANTED TO BE NORMAL.

MY FATHER HAD VAIROCANA TATTOOED ON HIS BACK, BUT OUR LIFE WAS SHIT.

BUT GOD NEVER EVEN LISTENED TO THAT MODEST DESIRE.

AIICHIRO...

THAT'S WHEN I FINALLY REALIZED THAT GOD IS MEANT TO BE USED, NOT PRAYED TO.

I SWEAR TO THE DEVIL HIMSELF...

DON'T WORRY. I WILL PROTECT YOU.

THAT I'LL SEND KIKUCHI TAKEO TO THE GRAVE.

WHEN THE TIME COMES TO ATONE FOR THEIR SINS, THEY ESCAPE THROUGH DEATH.

THE DEATH SENTENCE, EH?

YES, THERE'VE BEEN A LOT OF CRIMINALS THESE DAYS WHO COMMIT HEINOUS CRIMES AND WANT DEATH AS THEIR COP-OUT...

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT...

SFX: Swish!

!

THE DEATH SENTENCE ISN'T MUCH OF A PUNISHMENT IF YOU WANT TO DIE, IS IT?

I'M GONNA PUT YOU THROUGH A LIVING HELL.

Kawashima
Junta

I'M GONNA PUT YOU THROUGH A LIVING HELL.

# Chapter 13 Conditioned Reflex

WITH ONE QUICK STAB!

# Chapter 13 Conditioned Reflex

SFX: Clang

SFX: Click

NO ONE CAN ENTER THIS ROOM NOW.

YOU CAN CRY OR SCREAM ALL YOU LIKE, BUT NOBODY'S COMING TO SAVE YOU.

WAS SHE AN ACCOMPLICE IN THE MURDER OF SAYAMA MASAKAZU?

I HEARD THAT THERE WAS A WOMAN WITH YOU WHEN YOU WERE ARRESTED.

ANSWER ME!

...

YOU DON'T GET IT YET.

RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT, HUH?

THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT IS EXCLUSIVELY A HUMAN RIGHT!

SFX: Stab

!

GWAAUGHH!

SFX: Rattle

YOU AND HER ARE MEMBERS OF THAT GROUP, AREN'T YOU?

I'VE HEARD THAT THE POOR BASTARDS WHO HATE THE NIRVANA CHURCH OF CREATION ARE BANDING TOGETHER.

UHHN...

COME ON! CONFESS!

GUH!

GIVE ME ALL THE MEMBERS' NAMES AND THE LOCATION OF YOUR HIDEOUT...

SFX: Stab

SFX: Stab

SFX: Stab

WHO IS YOUR LEADER!?

SFX: Stab

SFX: Stab

SFX: Stab

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

I MIGHT HAVE TO KILL YOU.

YOU'RE QUITE ACCUSTOMED TO PAIN.

I SEE YOU DIDN'T GROW UP IN THE CHURCH'S SPECIAL ORPHANAGE FOR NOTHING.

宗教法人 創生会

Sign: Nirvana Church of Creation

NIRVANA CHURCH OF CREATION!?

AND I MYSELF AM A DEVOUT BELIEVER WHO WAS ENROLLED IN THE CHURCH'S YOUTH DIVISION SINCE I WAS IN GRADE SCHOOL.

I CAN'T DECLARE THIS PUBLICLY, BUT BOTH OF MY PARENTS WERE CHURCH MEMBERS.

AND OF COURSE, SO IS MY ASSISTANT...

AFTER ALL, MASTER KANEHIRA HAS INCREDIBLY STRONG TIES WITH THE CHIEF OF THE PREFECTURAL POLICE.

I HAVE PLENTY OF EXCUSES I COULD MAKE FOR KILLING YOU.

THAT'S HOW MUCH POWER AND AUTHORITY THE MAN YOU'RE FIGHTING HAS.

I CAN WIPE YOU OFF THE FACE OF THIS EARTH AS EASILY AS THROWING OUT A PIECE OF LITTER.

You're a dog!

You're not a man.

You're a faithful dog who would lick a shit-crusted asshole if you were ordered to!

SFX: Ahhhhhh!

SFX: Bang

I'M NOT A DOG OF THE CHURCH!

EEEP!

SFX: Punch

EEEK!

SFX: Crash

SFX: Splat Splat Splat

GWEHH...

SFX: Rattle Rattle

WA WAH!

AHHH!

SFX: Boom

SFX: Swoooosh

SFX: Skraaaash

That can't have been Takeo...

SFX: Ka-Boooom

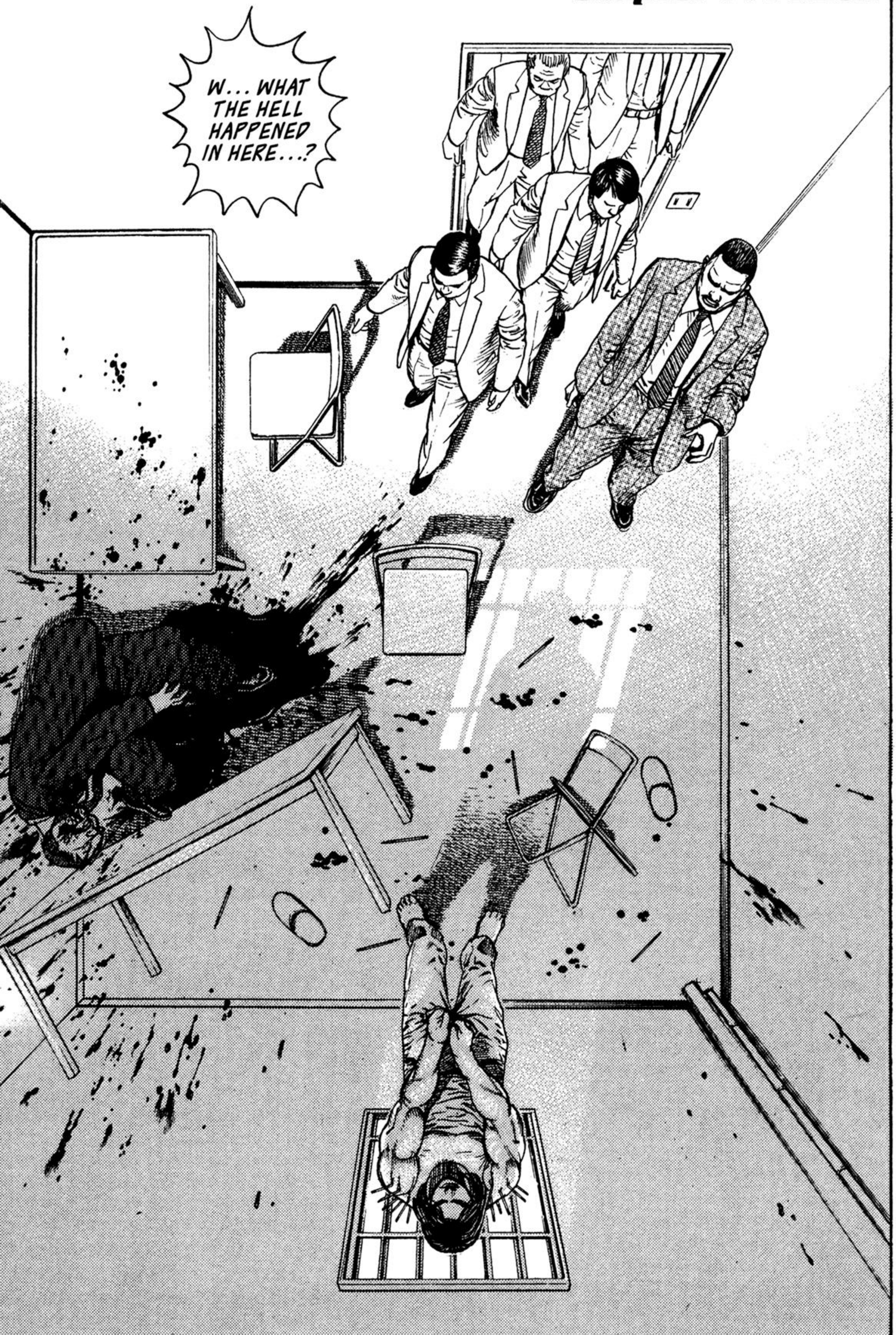
W... WHAT'S GOING ON!?

W... WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED HERE!?

GIVE ME MY SENTENCE.
I GOT MY HANDS DIRTY AGAIN.

Shimada
Kenichiro

# Chapter 14 Prison



THAT'S NOT A HUMAN FEAT.

HE KILLED A MAN WITH A SINGLE PUNCH.

# Chapter 14 Prison

HE'S A MONSTER.

AND CHIEF PROSECUTOR SATO...

CHIEF HOSHINO OF THE PREFECTURAL POLICE...

I HOPE THIS IS ENOUGH FOR YOU.

AHAH!

EVEN THE MOST POWERFUL PERSON CAN BECOME A FAITHFUL DOG IF YOU GIVE HIM FOOD TO EAT, LIQUOR TO DRINK, WOMEN TO FUCK, AND MONEY TO SPEND.

HOW DID IT GO?

THE PEOPLE THEY CALL THE ELITES OF SOCIETY ONLY STUDY AND ADVANCE THEIR CAREER IN ORDER TO INDULGE IN SUCH PLEASURES.

I DON'T NEED THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE'S CONSENT TO SEND KIKUCHI TAKEO TO DEATH.

I can kill him even without a "death sentence".

Kikuchi is not a "God"...

Just a "Wolf".

And a captured wolf will die and rot in his cage.

I ask for the "death sentence".

The results of the psychiatric evaluation demonstrate that at the time of the crime, the defendant was in a state of insanity, and we cannot consider him liable...

I'LL KILL 'EM ALL...

I'LL KILL 'EM...

I'LL KILL 'EM...

Ogino Hifumi, age 28. Former member of the Oshihoi Unit. Assaulted a nursing home with a kitchen knife, killing eight people, including staff.

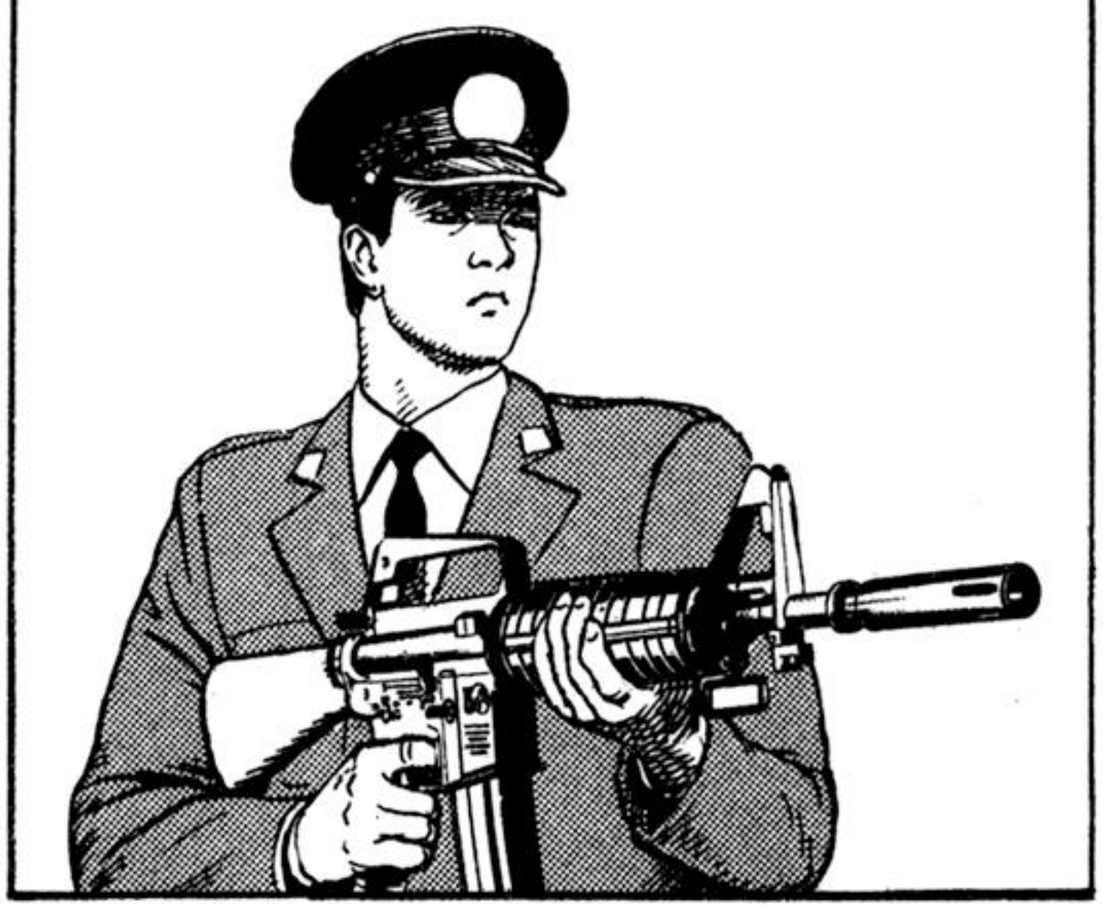
GOD, SAVE ME...

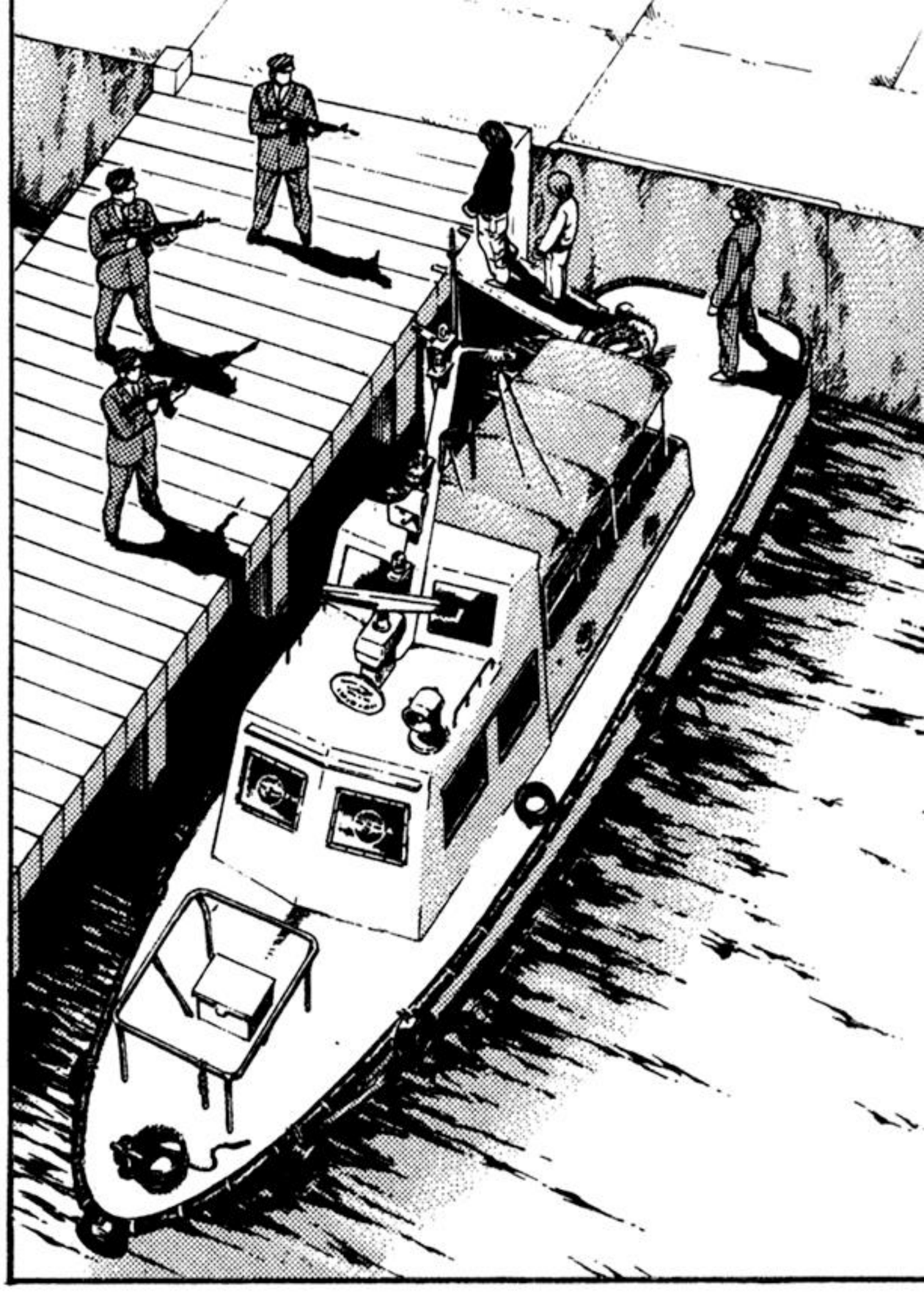
Shimada Kenichiro, age 25. Bombing enthusiast. Blew up a building in Shibuya Ward, Tokyo, resulting in thirteen casualties.

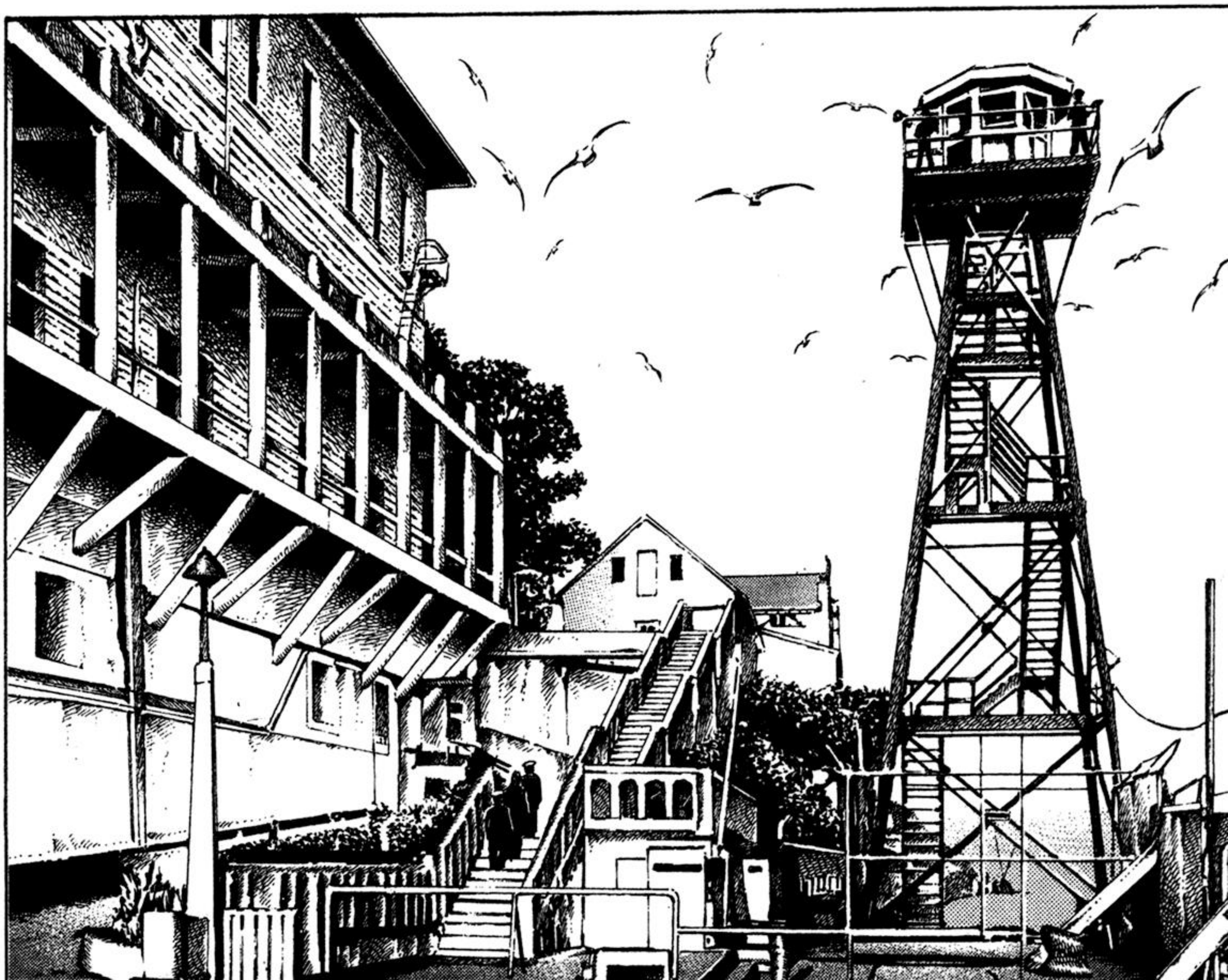
DEAR GOD...

Kanto Special Rehabilitative Sanatorium (KSRS)

A sanatorium built on an isolated island, modeled after the former federal prison of Alcatraz in the San Francisco Bay. Officially, it was built to rehabilitate prisoners suffering from physical or mental disorders to allow them to reintegrate into society without any difficulty. But in reality...







AN
UNDYING WOLF
PROTECTED
BY GOD...

IS THAT SO?

OPEN YOUR LEGS.

OKAY! NEXT!

STRIP DOWN AND FACE THE WALL.

WE WILL NOW CONDUCT A FULL BODY SEARCH.

NEXT!

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PUT THIS UNIFORM ON.

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FROM NOW ON, YOU'LL BE KNOWN NOT BY YOUR NAME, BUT BY THAT NUMBER.

SFX: Grab

You have no name... That means you don't exist.

In other words, no one will bat an eye if you died here.

I'm Kawashima Junta, and I'm the superintendent of this orphanage.

Remember that well, dogs.

As the superintendent, I am your trainer, your master, and your god.

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I'M THE WARDEN HERE.
AS THE WARDEN, I AM YOUR TEACHER, YOUR MASTER, AND YOUR GOD.

LONG TIME NO SEE, PUPPY. I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE YOU LEFT THE NIRVANA CHURCH OF CREATION'S ORPHANAGE.

I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE YOU LEFT THE NIRVANA CHURCH OF CREATION'S ORPHANAGE.

LONG TIME NO SEE, PUPPY.

SFX: Slap Slap

# Chapter 15 Destiny

SFX: Slap Slap

I'M SURE YOU REMEMBER THE TASTE OF MY WHIP.

KAWA-SHIMA...

BUT DO YOU REMEMBER THE PAIN FROM YOUR WOLF BITE?

# Chapter 15 Destiny

IT ITCHES, YOU KNOW...

SFX: Clatter Clatter

SFX: Scratch Scratch Scratch

THE SPOT WHERE YOU PUNCHED ME REALLY FUCKING ITCHES...

I'M GOING TO TAKE MY TIME TO RETRAIN YOU WELL

BUT I WON'T FAIL THIS TIME.

GIVE HIM THE CORRECTION COLLAR.

SFX: Click

THIS COLLAR CAN BE REMOTE CONTROLLED TO GENERATE A SHOCK UP TO A MILLION VOLTS.

IT'S DESIGNED SO THAT IF YOU TRY TO REMOVE IT, IT'LL TIGHTEN UNTIL IT TAKES YOUR HEAD OFF.

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...

I KNOW YOU WANT TO DIE, SO YOU CAN TRY TO TAKE IT OFF WHENEVER YOU WANT.

YOU'RE JUST LIKE ALL THE REST.

THEY'RE ALL FAKING IT.

MENTAL DISORDERS? BULLSHIT. IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT THEY GO CRAZY LIVING IN THIS FUCKED-UP WORLD.

SOMEONE HERE EVEN TOOK A SHIT IN COURT, AND ATE THE SHIT IN FRONT OF THE JUDGE.

HEH... THEY CAN FOOL THE EXAMINERS ALL THEY WANT, BUT NOT ME.

THEY'LL NEVER MAKE IT OUT OF HERE ALIVE. IN FACT, NOT EVEN DEAD.

SFX: Waughhhhhh!

I'LL KILL 'EM...

ALL...

ALL OF 'EM...

HE JUST STABBED HIM!

I'LL KILL 'EM!

I'LL KILL 'EM!

I THOUGHT THAT ALL THE PRISONERS HERE WERE MONSTERS.

KIKUCHI TAKEO IS A MONSTER. KEEP AN EYE ON HIM.

WHAT HAPPENED WITH NUMBER 36?

HEY, FRESHIE...

HEH... I WAS ATTEMPTING SODOMY.

Sign: Warehouse

用具室

COME WITH US FOR A SEC.

KILL ME...

KILL ME.

KILL ME.

SFX: Tap

I'M GONNA TAKE CARE OF YOU NOW.

NO, NOT HIM. JUST A FRIEND OF HIS.

YOU TRIED TO RAPE KIKUCHI TAKEO?

THAT'S WHY I GOT OFF WITH THIS SCAR.

If I'd tried to sodomize him...

NAHAHAHA... SEE HOW BIG I AM?

WHAT!?

SFX: Grab

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SFX: Ka-Booooom

SFX: Snap

SFX: Ahhhhhh!!

SFX: Splurt

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SFX: Toss

HOLY SHIT... HE TORE HIS DICK OFF!

SFX: Chomp

DO YOU BELIEVE IN GOD?

THE WEAK NEED FAITH.
YOU SHOULD.

I'M DAIMON TETSUO FROM "MUSCLES".

# Chapter 16
# The Wolf and the Lamb

"MUSCLES"?

# Chapter 16
# The Wolf and the Lamb

THERE ARE FOUR GROUPS COMPETING FOR POWER HERE IN KSRS*.

ONE OF THEM IS THE "MUSCLES".

*Kanto Special Rehabilitative Sanatorium

THEN THERE'S THE "SKINHEADS"...

THE "TATTOOED ALLIANCE"...

AND THE SCUMBAGS THAT LIVE LIKE DEAD MEN.

SFX: Turn Turn

SFX: Swoooosh

YOU EITHER BECOME AN OBEDIENT SHEEP AND SATISFY OUR SEXUAL DESIRES...

THERE ARE ONLY TWO WAYS YOU CAN SURVIVE.

OR YOU BECOME A WOLF, BARE YOUR FANGS, AND FIGHT US!

SFX: Thunk

SFX: Splat

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SO WHAT'S YOUR CHOICE?

SFX: Toss

I'M A WOLF.

NOW WHICH ONE ARE YOU, DAIMON?

DO YOU BECOME A SHEEP BEFORE THE STRONG, AND A WOLF BEFORE THE WEAK?

DON'T YOU FUCKING DARE DISRESPECT ME! YOU'RE GONNA BE BLEEDING FROM YOUR ASSHOLE IN TWO SECONDS!

NO ONE'S HERE TO SAVE YOU!

SFX: Crack

YOU'LL BE TORMENTED BY NIGHTMARES WHEN YOU SLEEP...

AND YOU'LL WAKE UP TO UNENDING PAIN!

IF THERE WAS ONE.

THE ONLY THING YOU CAN DO IS PRAY TO GOD,

FWEFWEFWEH... YOU REMIND ME OF THE FIRST TIME I KILLED SOMEONE.

I BROKE INTO MY RICH CLASSMATE'S HOUSE TO STEAL HIS VIDEO GAME.

I WAS IN FIFTH GRADE.

WHEN I WANT SOMETHING, I LOSE CONTROL. SOMETIMES I EVEN SCARE MYSELF.

SFX: Knock Knock

YOU'VE GOT SOME PRETTY CUTE PECKS THERE, DON'T YOU? I LIKE THAT.

YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A PIG.

HYAHYAHYA! I'VE EVEN RAPED A CORPSE ONCE!!

SFX: Crash

SFX: Snap Snap

HAH HAAAAH! DIE, MOTHER-FUCKER!

SFX: Crack Crack

!

SFX: Boooom

HAHHAAH! I DON'T FEEL A THING! I'VE BUILT UP MY ABS TO BE SO HARD, YOU CAN'T EVEN STAB THEM WITH A KNIFE!

AND WHAT HE BECOMES IS EITHER A "GOD" OR A "DEMON"...

WHEN HE REMEMBERS HIS DESPICABLE PAST, HE LOSES ALL HUMANITY...

DAIMON DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT KIKUCHI'S HIDDEN POWER.

HUH!?

SFX: Swish

SFX: Snap Snap

HIS FIST IS SINKING INTO THE MUSCLES ALL THE WAY TO HIS INTERNAL ORGANS!

COUGH!

HE TOOK DAIMON OUT WITH A SINGLE SHOT!

SFX: Slam

!

WHAT, YOU HAVEN'T KILLED HIM YET?

I TOOK YOU DEFEATING DAIMON INTO CONSIDERATION.

SFX: Click!

SFX: Crush Crush

SFX: Skreeeet

HAGGH!

SFX: Pop Pop

SFX: Pop

SFX: Roll Roll

SFX: Grind Grind

SFX: Bounce

SFX: Splat

SFX: Snap

KAWA-
SHIMA...

SFX: Click

YOU'RE
NEXT,
WOLF.

SFX: Flash

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## ❷ On the Other Side of Death (End)

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